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The very large program of important legislation which Congress will have before it was a reason given by Senator Pomerene for not taking up at the opening of the session the question of civil service retirement.

Against Proposed Plan.

"One thing I am certain about in my own mind," said Senator Pomerene, "and that is no proposition which would provide for retirement of an employee on his own volition after thirty years' service on 50 per cent of his salary. After twenty-five years, on 45 per cent, and after twenty years, on 40 per cent, would ever receive my support. I understand that such a proposal is made in one of the bills for civil service retirement introduced in the House."

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"But if the plan were adopted by which an employee could retire on pension of his own volition after a given number of years of service an employee thirty-five years old who had entered the service at fifteen years of age and served for twenty years would be able to retire on a pension of 40 per cent of his salary. The country would never stand for such a plan. It would be ridiculous."

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If you do not care for gambling halls and Chinamen you can go to the terrace of Juarez, where the great statue of Benito Juarez, liberator, looks over the city that bears his name.

There are many who make up the armies in war time as he did the work of the republic in peace. There are fifteen millions of him in Mexico today, so his opinion should be worth hearing.

He is dressed in battered shoes, ragged overalls and jumper, with a shapeless, soft felt hat on his head. His face is broad and stolid, the head toward you is half-hostile and sullen, because you are an American. He has a surprising flow of fairly good Spanish, however.

He is an enthusiast about liberty, patriotism and the fatherland. He is especially enthusiastic over Villa. He intimates that, given a chance, Villa would be a second George Washington. He would not forget that he is in Villa territory. A poon in Monterey would tell you the same thing about Carranza. It is only in American hands that the revolution is being carried out.